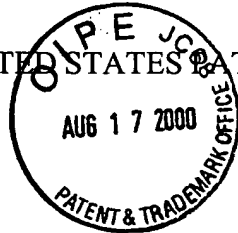


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NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Official Action mailed May 17, 2000 and is filed prior to the expiration of the three-month shortened statutory period for response set by the Examiner to expire on August 17, 2000. Accordingly, it is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing. Nonetheless, should the Patent and Trademark Office determine that a fee is required, please charge such a fee to our Deposit Account 19-0733. Applicant hereby appeals from the Final Rejection of May 17, 2000 rejecting claims 1-9, 13, 14 and 21-42 in the application.

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In the event an insufficient time or fee is calculated, or if our check should be detached herefrom, applicant(s) petition(s) for the grant of the minimum extension of time needed to effect

the timely filing of this Notice of Appeal and/or authorize(s) the payment of any fee needed from our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

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